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Ag in the Classroom and Wyo. Weed & Pest Council Announce 13th Annual Bookmark Contest Winners

Fifteen (15) Wyoming students were selected as winners of Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom's (WAIC) and Wyoming Weed & Pest Council's 13th Annual Bookmark Contest.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Weed & Pest Council, Wyoming Beef Council, EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), and the Wyoming Wheat Marketing Commission judged over 1000 artistic bookmarks and narrowed the field down to fifteen winners and seven honorable mentions. The contest is held in recognition of National Agriculture Week and is open to all third, fourth and fifth grade students in Wyoming.

To honor the winners, WAIC will be holding an Awards Presentation in May 2007 at the Wyoming State Capitol. Governor Freudenthal or First Lady Nancy Freudenthal, Wyoming Department of Agriculture Director John Etchepare and Deputy Director Jason Fearneyhough, and all of the elected officials have been invited to honor the students at this special ceremony. The students, as well as their families, teachers, classmates, principals, and superintendents are invited to attend this prestigious event.

WAIC is a nonprofit organization that was incorporated in 1987 for the purpose of developing an understanding about the importance and the values of agriculture and its role in maintaining and improving the environment, economy, and quality of life. The Agriculture Bookmark Contest is one of the many programs that WAIC has developed to promote agriculture awareness for Wyoming students.

The bookmark contest is sponsored by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture, Wyoming Beef Council, Wyoming Wheat Growers Association, Wyoming Wheat Commission, and EnCana Oil & Gas (USA). The winning bookmarks will be distributed across Wyoming at elementary schools, public libraries, businesses, and agriculture expos, as well as at selected national venues. For more information about the contest or to display these bookmarks, please contact Sarka J. White, Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom Education Director, at swhite@state.wy.us or (307) 777-6618.

2007 Bookmark Winners

"Conserve Water, Wyoming's Greatest Treasure"; Name: **Jared Stewart**; Parents' Names: Dana Bromley & Jim Stewart; Grade 3; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"Wyoming Coal making our Energy"; Name: **Ashlee Borman**; Parent's Name: Carrie Borman; Grade 3; Douglas Intermediate School, Douglas, WY; Teacher's Name: Susan George

"Put your fork in some pork"; Name: **Jacob Dickinson**; Parents' Names: Linda & Gerald Dickinson; Grade 3; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"Got Hay"; Name: **Summer Bowman**; Parents' Names: Lyle & Sheila Bowman; Grade 4; Albin Elementary, Albin, WY; Teacher's Name: Marie Brown

"Beef is udderly delicious"; Name: **Samantha Knotwell**; Parents' Names: Jackie Shaw & Charles Knotwell; Grade 4; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"America is Powered by Wyoming's Resources"; Name: **Garnet White**; Parent's Name: Bruce White; Grade 5; Pioneer Park Elementary, Cheyenne, WY; Teacher's Name: Steven Lake

"Wyoming Cattle are the best in the West"; Name: **Jayci Shoults**; Parents' Names: Georgia & Ronald Shoults; Grade 5; Lusk Elementary, Lusk, WY; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Wasserburger

"Honey See, Honey Do, Honey is Good for you"; Name: **Nate Block**; Parents' Names: Deb & Lance Block; Grade 5; Stocktrail Elementary, Gillette, WY; Teacher's Name: Barb Lahr

"Beef, Full of Nutrients to Fuel Active Bodies"; Name: **Taia Wickham**; Parents' Names: Clay & Tobi Wickham; Grade 3; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"From: The Home on the Range - To: The Range in your Home"; Name: **Drew Hester**; Parents' Names: John & Sheri Hester; Grade 5; Lusk Elementary, Lusk, WY; Teacher's Name: Mrs. Wasserburger

"Control Pests, they are unwelcome guests"; Name: **Guy Erickson**; Parents' Names: Mike & Stacey Erickson; Grade 3; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"Bees make the world a sweeter place"; Name: **Angel McFerrin**; Parents' Names: Gary & Darcy McFerrin; Grade 5; Sinclair Elementary, Sinclair, WY; Teacher's Name: Gayle Shaw

"Control Pine Beetles, Save Wyoming's Forests"; Name: **Ryan Perdue**; Parents' Names: Michele Fisher & Daryl Perdue; Grade 3; Encampment Elementary, Encampment, WY; Teacher's Name: Pam Kraft

"Wyoming Corn, Loved since I was born"; Name: **Caleb Anderson**; Parents' Names: Dwayne & Chaurisse Anderson; Grade 4; Albin Elementary, Albin, WY; Teacher's Name: Marie Brown

"Weeds are weeds, Don't let Them Fool You"; Name: **Cally Collins**; Parents' Names: Larry & Chris Collins; Grade 5; Douglas Intermediate School, Douglas, WY; Teacher's Name: Connie Glenn

2007 Honorable Mention

Ian Wolz – Grade 4 – Crest Hill Elementary – Casper, Wyoming

Megan Sidwell – Grade 5 – Ft. Bridger Elementary – Mountain View, Wyoming

Darion Vacher – Grade 4 - Encampment Elementary - Encampment, Wyoming

Don Simmons Jr. – Grade 3 - Encampment Elementary - Encampment, Wyoming

Jacquelyn Cobb – Grade 5 – Little Snake River Valley School – Baggs, Wyoming

Shawneka Sifford – Grade 3 - Encampment Elementary – Encampment, Wyoming

Audrey Lucas – Grade 3 – West Elementary - Wheatland, Wyoming